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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence *KFS*

SUBJECT : CIA Support for US Navy Study on
Western Pacific and Indian Ocean

1. As a general proposition, I believe that we can provide Captain Shepard with some answers that will assist his people in the study that they are undertaking, although it will not be possible to make definitive responses to all of the questions asked. I have contacted OCI, OER, OSI and FMSAC and arranged a general division of labor. We can have the material in hand for Captain Shepard by mid November.

2. Specifically with respect to the categories of problems raised in Captain Shepard's memo:

a. OCI is prepared to comment on the scenarios discussed in paragraph one. We probably can winnow out a few suppositions that are unlikely to occur and can add one or two that the Navy has missed.

b. The questions in paragraph two relate to Soviet and Chinese technological developments and some answers can be provided, although not in great detail out to the end of the time period--1970-1980--involved. In some cases, studies already have been published; where reports are not available, projections can be worked up on the basis of information on hand.

c. Paragraph three addresses itself to the long-range strategies of the USSR and

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China. Existing NIEs shed some light on what we can expect in the near term, but as the time frame stretches out the light becomes dimmer; it shines hardly at all on conditions in 1980, and we would not have much confidence in any projections we were to make.

3. One question in paragraph three concerns Indian Ocean merchant traffic in the 1970-1980 period. This analysis can best be done in the Navy. I suggest Captain Shepard be informed that responsibility for projections of this nature lies with the Navy's Field Command at Suitland, Maryland. The Field Command probably is in position to make computer tape runs for the 1970-1980 period.

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